

IN THE LOCAL FIELD.

NORTH BENNINGTON.

Samuel Watson is adding a barn to his premises.

Mrs. Florence I. Hall and son Clark, are visiting in Wilbraham, Mass.

Miss Caroline E. Cushman spent Sunday in Bennington with Miss Bessie Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. James Madden and sister of Troy, N. Y., spent Sunday with his parents.

We see by the Oakesdale Sun, Wash., that C. Floyd Hating is pushing the real estate and loan business.

Mrs. Arthur Phillips of Troy, N. Y., is with her mother, intending to remain through the warm weather.

Mrs. Denney, a sister of Mrs. McKay, and her daughter Miss Ella, have been visiting their friends here.

Mrs. J. C. Houghton and Mrs. C. E. Houghton left Monday, to visit friends in Readsboro and Stamford.

James Donnelly, who graduates from Williams college this commencement, was here on business Saturday.

Misses Elsie Jennings, Esther McCullough and Bessie Bennett were at dinner with Miss C. E. Cushman on Saturday last.

The village band will give an open air concert next Saturday evening, if the weather is favorable. The boys are satisfied that the citizens appreciate and are pleased with their music.

Hall McCullough graduates from Yale college next week. His sisters, Misses Bessie and Ella, are in New York this week where the parents will meet them Friday and go on to New Haven to attend the commencement exercises.

The burial of G. A. Bruce in the cemetery here, to some might seem rather strange, but when it is known that a large proportion of the Mattison family are laid to rest in this yard, it will not seem strange that his wife's friends had a lot here. The funeral, which was Monday afternoon at South Shaftsbury, was largely attended. The services were under the care of the Masonic order, and at the grave were very impressive. The wife and family have the sympathy of the many friends in this vicinity.

The ball game, which was well contested Saturday on the grounds here, resulted in victory for the Olympics in a score of 20 to 16. At the beginning of the game it seemed that the Manchester Centre nine would easily win, but as the Olympics, who were out of practice, warmed up, the tide turned with the result as stated. Batteries: Phillips and White, Marbro and Ready.

SOUTH SHAFTSBURY.

Try the SEMI-WEEKLY BANNER 3 months for 10 cents. Enclose 10 cents, with your name in an envelope addressed to the BANNER and receive the paper 3 months.

The exercises for Children's Day were postponed one week on account of the death of G. A. Bruce who was the leader of the choir. Mr. Bruce died on Thursday evening. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

POWELL.

Thomas Kelsey of Gananoque, Ont., is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Dr. B. O. Barber is visiting in North Adams, Mass.

William B. Arnold, S. L. Smith and A. B. Gardner are delegates to the Republican district and state conventions.

Walter Barber of this place and Miss Jennie Munro of Tomhannock were married last week; also Edward Barber and Miss Marlay of Springfield.

Arthur G. Parker and Brownell Bates left Powell at 4.45 a. m. Saturday on bicycles and arrived at Saxton's River at 5.40 p. m., a distance of seventy-five miles. They have gone there to attend the school commencement. The route was over the Green Mountains and was very rough and sandy most of the way. They stopped three hours at Wilmington during the hottest part of the day.

EAST ARLINGTON.

For 10 cents we will send the SEMI-WEEKLY BANNER three months to any person not now a subscriber. This offer will hold good until July 1st. Send us your name and ten cents and receive 26 issues of the paper.

Mrs. Hannah Blanchard, mother of Jonathan Blanchard of Sunderland, died on Tuesday, June 12th. Mrs. Blanchard was very old. The record is lost but it is thought she was nearly ninety.

The concert held on the evening of June 17th in the Congregational church was well attended. The music and floral decorations were fine.

ARLINGTON.

Any person not now a subscriber, may receive the SEMI-WEEKLY BANNER three months for 10 cents. Send us your name and ten cents.

P. McKearin and Charles Leonard of Hoosick Falls have been spending a few days here on a fishing excursion.

MANCHESTER.

Work on the new library building is to be begun at once.

The Equinox opened last week. The prospects are good for a successful season.

Bradley is making large quantities of butter boxes and wooden spoons at his mill.

M. Bentley, William Wilson and several from the depot are camping at Buf-fum pond.

C. R. Ames and wife and E. C. Reshins and wife will camp at Lake Bomoseen for two weeks.

The Catholic people of this place will hold mass for the first time in the vacant room in the school house next Sunday at 10.30 a. m.

Among out of county members of the bar noticed here when court opened Monday afternoon was C. M. Wild of Middlebury and P. M. Meldon of Rutland.

There are already quite a number of boarders at the Equinox and several of the cottages in the village are already occupied.

Taylor & McGee of Bennington who are running a livery stable here this summer did business good. They have now twenty-one horses in their barn, and carriages and harness nearly all new. They appear to be doing well.

WEST RUPERT.

The SEMI-WEEKLY BANNER for three months—a trial trip for new subscribers—only 10 cents. Enclose a dime and receive 26 semi-weekly papers.

The litters have been assessing land property through town this week.

Some of our farmers are planting their corn for the third time. It is destroyed by a little yellow worm in the ground, eating the kernel.

David Carver, our section boss, was removed the forepart of the week and another man put in his place. He makes the third one that has been discharged since last fall from this section.

There was a lawn festival, Thursday evening, on the church grounds. Ice cream and strawberries were served.

The exercises were winding of the May pole by two young ladies, with speaking by two young ladies. They received over \$17. It was for the benefit of the Christian Endeavor society.

Dr. Moore of this place has one of the best young stallions in the State, by Ben Franklin son of Daniel Lambert. He stands 16 hands, color, chestnut, weight, 1,125 pounds, and four years old. He is a model of strength and beauty. He is a natural born trotter. His dam is Minnie Dunn of Burdette 2:21, her sire was Broken Leg, by Rydex Hambleton. The Doctor has some fine young stock by Ben Cutts that he is not ashamed to show. Ben Cutts is attracting considerable attention by horsemen and a good many are patronizing him this season.

LIBRARY HALL.

The Y. M. C. A. received the well rendered services of its friends of the "Guide Board" with thanks. The entertainment given the hall was a very fine one. Many remarks have been noticed on the whole affair and every remark seems most favorable. Certainly the association has reason to thank the persons who so very creditably took part in so pleasing an affair.

The money thus earned will serve as a germ for a bowling alley fund. All reports are not in yet. The amount to be deposited with the treasurer will be about forty dollars. The gross amount expected will be about sixty dollars.

WEST ARLINGTON.

Will our readers tell their friends that the SEMI-WEEKLY BANNER will cost them only ten cents for three months, if they are not already readers thereof. See notice in another column.

Elisha Hawley and friend of West Rupert, called upon friends in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Safford of East Arlington, were guests of Miss Anna Hanaman one day last week.

The Rev. A. C. Field and wife of East Arlington, called upon the family of H. G. Buck, one day recently.

A. G. McKee was in Manchester and Cambridge, N. Y., last week, on business.

Calvin Skinner, our cream-gatherer, goes to Shushan three times a week.

Mrs. Thomas Lyman and Mrs. Fred Decker attended the funeral of Mrs. Ralph Bowen, last week Wednesday. Mrs. Bowen's friends here, where she resided at one time, regret her sad and untimely death, and extend sympathy to the husband and little daughter, and also to her parents and brothers.

The strawberry festival last week was a decided success, there being a good attendance. It is the intention now to have a supper of some kind once a month during the summer. H. T. Eaton kindly offered the use of his hall for which the ladies desire to return thanks. The ladies expect to meet for work each week for a while, from 2 to 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoons, and as the object is a worthy one, slating or shingling the church, they hope for the patronage of the people generally.

Northern Farmers Betrayed.

How disastrously the interests of Northern farmers are assailed by the mongrel tariff bill was forcibly exposed by Senator Pettigrew in his vigorous analysis, says the New York Press, of the Bourbon agricultural schedule. By the terms of that measure the American market for \$15,000,000 worth of farm products is turned over to Canada without the first equivalent being demanded. The duty on live animals is cut down to 20 per cent.; wheat, corn and other cereals and agricultural products are substantially put upon the free list, while the free egg schedule will bring into this country about 20,000,000 dozen against 1,000,000 dozen last year. Northern tillers of the soil are not attacked solely in the free wool schedule, ruinous as that attack is. They are wickedly assailed all along the line, under cover and in the open. Sugar Trust Senators have a little mercy for Northern farmers as for Northern wage earners.

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Insurance in Vermont.

A YEAR OF DISASTROUS BUSINESS, BUT THE VERMONT COMPANIES MAKE A GOOD SHOWING.

In compliance with the laws of the State the insurance commissioners, Chauncey W. Brownell of this city and Henry F. Field of Rutland, have prepared a report of the insurance business of the State, which they submit to the governor. The year has been one of the most disastrous in the history of insurance business, many companies reporting enormous losses instead of a surplus as in former years.

The result has been a general curtailing of business, and greater care in assuming risks on the part of companies licensed to do business here, and a large amount of business done by companies who have not been admitted to the State. These companies not only conceal their business from the officials but avoid contributing their share to the revenue of the State. The practice is a triple injustice, affecting the State, the assured, and the resident agents who carefully observe the law and decline business which they cannot place in companies duly complying with our statutes.

The incentive to patronize these companies is the cheap rates offered, but the practice is attended with great danger to the insurer, and commissioners caution people against the companies in a very emphatic manner. One insurance was brought to their attention where the policies issued were those of wild-cat organizations in distant States, and as soon as the policies became a claim they were found to be worthless.

Many new organizations of questionable nature have sprung into existence, prominent among them being the Lloyds who seek to do business under some phase of individual rights, assuming the functions of a corporation, but disclaiming corporate or even partnership responsibilities and refusing to submit to State supervision and control. None of these companies have been admitted into this State, but they are noticed so that the public may be cautioned against them, and to bring the matter before the common Legislature.

The matter of extending the power of agents or brokers to enable them to effect insurance, under specially prescribed conditions and restrictions, with companies of other States not licensed to do business in this State, for the purpose of obviating the difficulty of placing the so-called surplus lines, may also require attention.

There are now four fire companies organized and doing business under Vermont charters, viz.: The New England of Rutland, the Rutland of Rutland, the Union Mutual and the Vermont Mutual of Montpelier. The life companies are but two, as heretofore, the National of Montpelier and the Vermont of Burlington.

The aggregate of fire losses paid by Vermont companies for 1893-4 shows an increase of nearly \$15,000 over those of 1891-2, a part of this amount, however, being represented by the experience of the Rutland Insurance company, a new organization which began business in March, 1893.

The following fire companies of other States and countries have withdrawn from the State during the year, viz.: The Franklin of Philadelphia, the London and Lancashire of Liverpool, England, the Providence Washington of Providence, R. I., and the Queen of America of New York.

The American Casualty and Security company of Baltimore, Md., has been placed in the hands of a receiver, and the American Employers' Liability company of Jersey City has not been licensed for the current year.

The Caledonia Fire Insurance company of Edinburgh, Scotland, the Preferred Accident Insurance company of New York, the Interstate Casualty company of New York, the Life Insurance Clearing company of St. Paul, Minn., the Union Casualty and Surety company of St. Louis, Mo., and the New England Mutual Accident of Boston have been admitted during the year, the latter to date from April 1st, 1894.

In the statement of the Union Mutual Fire Insurance company of Montpelier the following significant facts are submitted.

"In this year's list of losses we have given the cause of the fires as they have been reported, and from this data it appears that 24 of them amounting to \$5,877.72, were caused by defective chimneys, stoves and pipe, nine, amounting to \$3,234.30, from unknown causes, undoubtedly from the same cause as the foregoing; 14, amounting to \$1,145.54, were caused by lamps, lanterns, matches, etc.; four, amounting to \$130.77, from miscellaneous causes; 21 from lightning, amounting to \$2,385.84; three from incendiary, amounting to \$2,436.93; 17, amounting to \$3,018.29 from causes originating outside the assured's premises.

"We would impress upon your minds the fact that over 67 per cent. of all these losses are from causes within the control of the assured, and ask you again to thoroughly inspect your stoves, pipes and chimneys frequently. If all will attend to this matter they will save much property from destruction, and reduce the cost of their insurance more than one-half."—Burlington Free Press.

The jury on the trial of "Bat" Shea for the Troy election-day murder is complete and the trial will now go on under eager scrutiny. The case involves a larger public interest than the mere punishment of a homicide. It concerns the well-being of the community and the preservation of freedom in elections. There would be a larger confidence in the justice of its outcome if Gov. Flower had not seen fit to interfere in a way to make acquittal easier.—N. Y. World.

—The Democratic Senators who insist that "the tariff is a tax" probably had that idea in mind when they agreed to increase the rates on sugar as a means of rewarding the campaign services of the Havemeyer monopoly.

—President Cleveland was still at sea at last accounts, and enjoying himself immensely. His party has been in the same fix for a long while without being able to get any fun out of it.

—Chicago, after taking a new school census, now claims a population of 1,562,000. There are two or three outlying cemeteries whose inmates are not included in this estimate.

—Secretary Carlisle is confident that the exports of gold will soon cease. This view is probably based upon the apparent certainty that in a little while there will be more gold to export.

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Leave Bennington 7:37 a. m. arrive Troy 9:10 a. m. New York 2:30 p. m. Troy 4:00 p. m. North Adams 9:53. Greenfield 11:01 a. m. Fitchburg 1:38. Boston 3:10 p. m. Mechanicville 9:02. Saratoga, 9:48 a. m.

Leave Bennington 12:35 p. m. arrive Troy 2:10 p. m. New York 7:06. Hoosick Falls 3:57. North Adams 4:46. Greenfield 6:00. Fitchburg 8:24. Boston 10:15 p. m.

Leave Bennington 3:05 p. m. arrive at Troy 4:20. New York 8:50.

Leave Bennington 5:15 p. m. arrive Troy 6:55. p. m. Hoosick Falls 8:46. North Adams 9:30. p. m. Mechanicville 6:46. p. m. Saratoga 7:33. p. m.

Leave Bennington 12:15 a. m. arrive Troy 2:10 p. m. New York 7:45 a. m. Leave Bennington for the north, 12:15 a. m. and 10 a. m. 2:30 p. m. 4:10 p. m.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT BENNINGTON.

VIA BENNINGTON & RUTLAND R.R.:

1:32 a. m. from New York, Albany and Troy.

9:22 a. m. from New York, Albany and Troy. Hoosick Falls, No. Adams, and Mechanicville.

2:47 p. m. from New York, Albany and Troy.

6:38 p. m. from Albany, Troy, Hoosick Falls, No. Adams, Boston, and Saratoga. Arrive at Bennington from the north 1:20, 3:15 a. m., 1:05, 3:32 and 5:45 p. m.

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3:20 p. m. For Petersburg Junction, No. Adams, and Boston.

5:45 p. m. For Petersburg Junction, WI. Fitchburg and North Adams and all points on Lebanon Springs R.R.

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